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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RESTRUCTURING: POST OF UN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

REF: (A) USUN 5820, DEC 23, 1977; (B) STATE 30072;
(C) USUN 0506; (D) USUN 0596; (E) COHN/STIBRAVY TELECON
OF FEB 22

1. REF A REPORTED SYG WALDHEIM'S FAVORABLE VIEW OF
ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECLA, FOR
POSITION OF UN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WALDHEIM SAID HE INTENDED
TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS ON FILLING THIS POSITION IN MID-
JANUARY. REF B SET OUT OUR VIEWS ON QUALIFICATIONS
NECESSARY FOR THE POSITION AND URGED THAT YOU FOLLOW UP ON
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YOUR DECEMBER 22 CONVERSATION WITH SYG AND INDICATE OUR
JUDGMENT THAT IGLESIAS IS OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE MEETING
CRITERIA THAT WE DEvised.

2. DESPITE SUGGESTION BY DAVIDSON (REF D) WE BELIEVE
IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT USG FAVORABLE VIEW OF IGLESIAS BE
CONVEYED BY YOU OR JIM LEONARD TO WALDHEIM AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE. WE KNOW THAT REPRESENTATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO WALDHEIM IN SUPPORT OF OTHER CANDIDATES WHO COULD UNDERCUT IGLESIAS. FURTHERMORE, OUR FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP ON YOUR DECEMBER MEETING COULD CONVEY INCORRECT SIGNAL THAT USG IS UNCONCERNED ABOUT WHO IS SELECTED TO FILL THIS IMPORTANT POSITION.

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